



OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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***Montgomery County Human Rights Diversity Camp***

September 4, 2009

Dear Principals, Teachers, Counselors and Parents:

The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights (OHR) is pleased to announce that our County Executive has approved funding for the Human Rights Diversity Camps scheduled for October 16-18, 2009 (fall session) and April 9-11, 2010 (spring session). Our office is asking for your support with this historically successful and worthwhile program.

The purpose of the Human Rights Diversity Camp is to alleviate hate that is fueled by fear and ignorance by providing positive interaction and education. The program is designed to bring together students from diverse racial, cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds for a weekend experience in inter-racial and inter-cultural understanding.

***Teachers, counselors, administrators and parents may also recommend students who have exhibited a need for diversity, tolerance, or bully aversion training.***

The weekend session is free to each student. OHR will fund the entire program which includes transportation, activity materials and meals.

Please find attached the camp application form. Registration will be open to all fifth grade students who attend Montgomery County Public or Private Schools. However, only 20 students (10 boys and 10 girls) will be selected to participate in each of the 3-day camp sessions.

**The deadline for registration will be Monday, September 28, 2009.**

The camp will take place at the YMCA's Camp Lett's facility in Edgewater, Maryland (near Annapolis). Students selected for either the fall or spring session will depart and return based on the following schedules:

- **(Fall Session)** departure will be from the Office of Human Rights (OHR) by MC Public School Bus on Friday, October 16, 2009 at 4:00p.m., and return to the OHR on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 2:30p.m.
- **(Spring Session)** departure will be from the Office of Human Rights (OHR) by MC Public School Bus on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 4:00p.m., and return to OHR on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 2:30p.m.

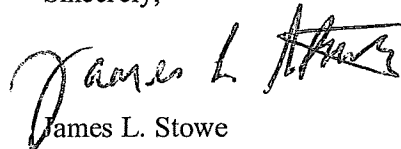
*Once students are selected, attendance and participation is very important. Part of the camp's success is designed around the number of students who attend and participate. Therefore, please notify us at least 48 hours in advance if a student is unable to attend, so we may select another student.*

- County law and policy prohibits discrimination on the following bases: race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, marital status, social-economic status, intellectual ability, sexual orientation, physical characteristics, and disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Ham, Camp Coordinator at (240) 777-8478. We believe that the "Human Rights Diversity Camp" is an important stride towards minimizing intolerance and hate-motivated behavior in all people.

We appreciate your support of this worthy project.

Sincerely,



James L. Stowe  
Director